

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): With reference to (d) how long is it since ocean-going vessels began to enter the inner harbour?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Secretary to Government): Since 1931.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Are not books maintained to show the total amounts received in the Harbour under these heads? What is the difficulty? We want just to know what the receipts are.

Mr. President: All these figures are sent to the office. The question is whether all these figures have to be collected.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): If there is any difficulty, will the Government be pleased to answer it next time?

Mr. President: We have no objection to give the figures to Mr. Salem. The budget estimates, the landing and shipping dues, all the actual collections, figures relating to all these will be given. Let him make the additions and subtractions. We will give you all the figures.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait (Mattancheri): What is the present railway fare from the Harbour Terminus to the new Peer Station?

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): In a previous answer it was stated that loans have been advanced. Are they repayable advances and do they come under the original agreement with the Harbour authorities?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Secretary to Government): I want notice.

HARBOUR WORKS ACCOUNTS—AUDIT OF

58. Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) are the Harbour Works Accounts subject to audit by any of the three Governments of Cochin, Travancore or India?
- (b) will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the last audit report of the Harbour Works Accounts or a review of it by any of the three Governments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

- (a) The Harbour Works Accounts are subject to audit by the Accountant-General, Madras.
- (b) Government are not in possession of any of the audit reports of the Harbour Works Accounts.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is it difficult for us to get the audit reports?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): As a matter of fact, we are asking for it.

FERRIES—REVENUE FROM

59. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Will the Government be pleased.—

- (a) to state the number of ferries farmed out by the Government and the amount received from them for the last year; and
- (b) to place on the table a list of such ferries showing the amount realised from each?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*):

- (a) 119.
Rs. 41,033.
- (b) The list is placed on the Council Table.

SHANMUKHAM CANAL—LANDING CHARGES COLLECTED

60. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to inform the House.—

- (a) the landing charges collected from Shanmukham Canal, Irinjalakkuda, during the months of (1) Chingam, and (2) Kanni, 1116;
- (b) the amount spent every month on the establishment for collecting landing dues from Shanmukham Canal;
- (c) the rate of landing charges collected at present in the Canal?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*):

- (a) (1) Chingam Rs. 39—4—0.
(2) Kanni „ 10—4—0.
- (b) Rs. 40 towards the pay of the staff.